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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7160

BILL NUMBER: SB 510

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 7, 2013

BILL AMENDED: Apr 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Substitute Natural Gas Contracts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Eckerty

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Crouch

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 X DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill defines "business day" and "savings", amends the definition of "purchase contract", and makes additional findings concerning substitute natural gas (SNG).

The bill requires the Indiana Finance Authority to submit a final purchase contract, including amendments, and any other agreements with a producer of SNG to the Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). It authorizes the IURC, after notice and hearing, to approve, reject, or modify a final purchase contract if in the public interest. It specifies certain factors the IURC must consider before taking action. It requires the IURC to issue a final order within 180 business days. It provides that a party to a final order is entitled to an expedited appeal under rules to be adopted by the Supreme Court. It also authorizes the IURC to adopt rules, including rules establishing filing deadlines.

The bill requires the IURC to study the sales price of natural gas and report the study results to the Regulatory Flexibility Committee in an electronic format not later than November 1, 2013.

Effective Date: Upon passage; May 15, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The activities specified in the bill relating to IURC actions on a final purchase contract or to conduct a study of the natural gas market are within the usual and customary operations of the IURC. As a result, the IURC should be able to implement the provisions of the bill within its current resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: IURC; Indiana Finance Authority; Supreme Court.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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